

Services International, or ARCSI, of Ohio's 3rd Congressional District, as I rise to acknowledge National Spring Cleaning Week which took place March 18–24, 2013.

As many people around our country prepare for spring cleaning, on behalf of the organization, I want to remind those who will begin going "out with the old and in with the new" to recycle.

Recycling what you have stored in your basement, closet and garage and instead learning to reduce, reuse and recycle those items is efficient, sustainable and time-saving.

With advice from our cleaning industry professionals at ARCSI, they are helping everyday American families live healthy, clean and green lives.

So let us remember to re-use, re-purpose and whenever possible recycle items we already have in our households as we begin our spring cleaning.

HONORING DAVID CURSON

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, David Curson, on the occasion of his retirement.

Many of you know David from his seven weeks of service in the House during the 112th Congress representing Michigan's 11th district. He was elected with the help of community activists, including his beloved United Auto Workers, to fill a vacancy for the shortest term in recent memory. While he was here, David unflinchingly stood up for working American families, always remembering his roots back in Michigan and Ohio. His time in the House was not wasted: His was a key vote in avoiding the fiscal cliff this past January. It was a tough one to take, but David did so with the greater good in mind, as he has always done. His service here was nothing short of honorable, and the Michigan Delegation is better off for his having a part of it.

David's service to his fellowman far predated his time in Congress. He proudly served his country as a Marine in Vietnam. When he returned to the United States, David started a life-long career at Ford and with the United Auto Workers, particularly Local 898 in Rawsonville, Michigan. David has held nearly every imaginable position in the Union, from chairman of the Local UAW/Ford Joint Apprenticeship Committee to Director of Special Projects and Economic Analysis to Executive Assistant to the UAW's President, Vice President, and Secretary Treasurer. He led contract negotiations that saved thousands of American jobs and helped set the standard for job security agreements in North America. In short, David has devoted his life to his fellow working men and women and done a magnificent job for them.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled and grateful to call David my friend. His dedication to social justice and public service are example to us all, and one which I hope we will all heed. I know David's entire family—from his wonderful wife Sharon, to his children David Jr., Lisa,

David II, and Kathryn, to his grandsons Peyton and Parker—all appreciate David's extraordinary life of service and are thrilled to be able to spend more time with him as he retires. To my good friend, David, and his family, I wish health, happiness, and long life.

CONGRATULATING THE DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERETTES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Duncanville High School Pantherettes varsity basketball team for winning the 2013 5A state championship for the second consecutive year. The Pantherettes beat Cibola Steele Lady Knights 59–36, ending their season with a record of 42–0, the first 5A school to achieve this record in a single season.

I also want to commend the coaching staff for their hard work and dedication to their team. In the past 13 seasons, head coach Cathy Self-Morgan has led the Pantherettes to three state championships with a record of 957 wins. Coach Self-Morgan received a number of prestigious honors this season, including the Dallas Morning News SportsDay's Girls Basketball Coach of the Year.

This year, the Pantherettes were ranked the number one high school girls basketball team in the Nation by the USA Today Super 25 Poll and the Max Preps Freeman Poll. The ESPN Power Rankings ranked the Pantherettes second among all U.S. girls teams. The Pantherettes were also crowned 7–5A district champions, 62nd Annual 2012 Sandra Meadows Tournament champions, and the 2012 McDonald's Pasadena Tournament champions.

I applaud the team's outstanding efforts and commitment to a flawless return to the state championship. The Pantherettes legacy includes eight state championships, 22 tournament appearances, and 33 regional tournament appearances. Congratulations again, Pantherettes, on an incredible season.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning the State of Israel came to a standstill as a siren signaling one minute of silence pierced through the daily lives of Israelis. For one minute, highways came to a stand-still and phone conversations fell silent. This moment of silent reflection occurs every year on Yom Hashoa, Holocaust Remembrance Day, in order to honor the memory of the six million Jews systematically murdered at the hands of the Nazis.

Yom Hashoa serves as more than just a day of remembrance, though. Each passing

year the remaining number of survivors becomes fewer and fewer. South Florida has seen this first hand. Just last month, Holocaust Survivors of South Florida—once one of the nation's largest survivor groups with a peak membership at over 1,400 survivors—was forced to close its doors due to a rapidly dwindling number of members.

At its final board meeting, the group gave \$15,000 to the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, highlighting the importance of teaching the lessons of the Holocaust to our future generations. The organization's president expressed her hope "that through education, history would not repeat."

So today, I commit myself to learning the lessons of the past. I join my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives by honoring the living memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Together, we will stand against any resurgence of anti-Semitism, and against all forms of hatred and prejudice.

CELEBRATING THE MEXICAN AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation on celebrating their 50th anniversary. For 50 years MAOF has worked to improve the quality of life for millions of Latinos in the Los Angeles area. From education and daycare services for children, to job training and English-language classes for adults, to medical and social services to seniors, MAOF has provided poor or disenfranchised Latinos with opportunities for social and economic advancement.

In 1963, a little known community and labor leader named Dionicio Morales had the idea to create a foundation dedicated to Mexican-American community development. He started at the top, with a call to President John F. Kennedy. Morales did not get to speak to the President, but through his perseverance, he was able to speak with Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. Together they secured the funding for what would become the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation.

Today MAOF is the largest Latino human services provider in the nation and the Los Angeles Times has credited Morales with being one of the original leaders of the East Los Angeles Latino civil rights movement, along with United Farm Workers leader Cesar Chavez, journalist Ruben Salazar, and my father, Congressman Edward R. Roybal.

Although Dionicio Morales passed away in 2008, his legacy lives on within the work of MAOF which provides essential services to over 100,000 people, 8,000 of whom are children.

Once again I congratulate MAOF President and CEO Martin Castro, members of the board of directors, and all MAOF employees. I thank them for 50 years of dedicated service to the Latino community, and I wish them well as they continue their great work in the years to come.